(vi) Private domestic airlines have been permitted to fly on overseas routes subject to specified guidelines. Further, bilateral arrangements with other countries have been gradually libderalized. These initiatives have enabled considerably better international connectivity.

(vii) Air India and Indian Airlines have been merged to create a strong and efficient national carrier.

(viii) A new Flying Training Institute has been established at Gondia, Maharahstra. Further, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi has been restructured. These measures would help in putting in place better training infrastructure for technical manpower in the aviation sector.

In view of the above, National Civil Aviation Policy is already on fast track.

Aviation fuel loss

3354. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate has been made on aviation fuel loss in terms of quantity and cost to Air India on account of air traffic congestion during 2007-08 and 2008-09;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The losses for aviation fuel in terms of quantity/cost on account of air traffic congestions during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 were 16718420 Kgs./Rs. 56.71 crores and 11229328 Kgs./Rs. 68.62 crores respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Restructuring of NACIL

3355. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial problem and the need of restructuring/reviving financial health of National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) was referred to Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE); and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The reference has not been considered necessary because NACIL has taken a number of initiatives of revive the financial health of the Company. Further Air India's